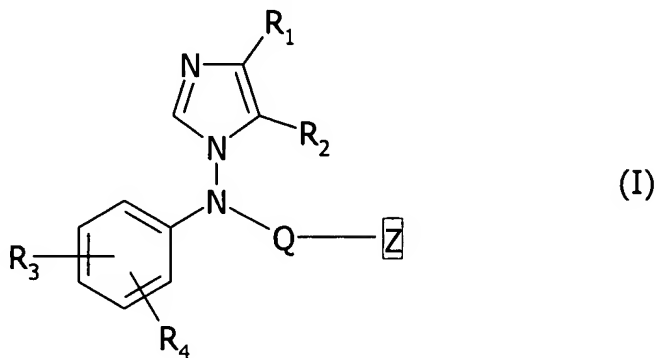


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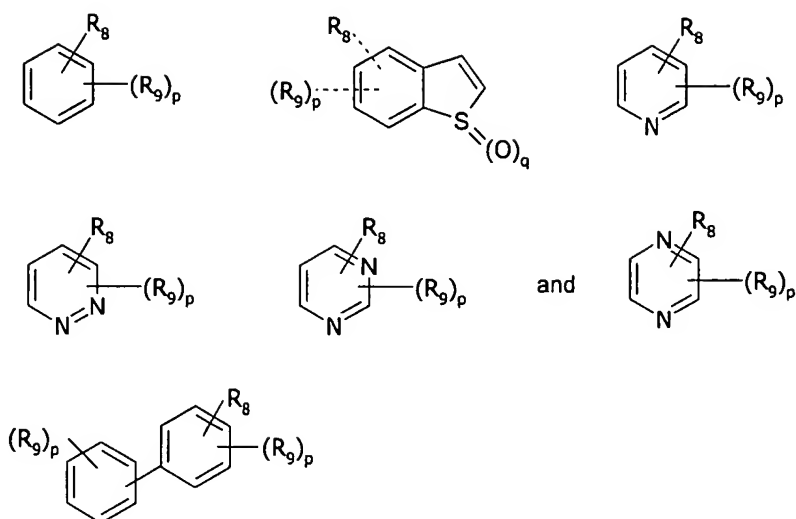
The following is a complete listing of claims in this application.

1. (original) An imidazole derivative of formula (I) :

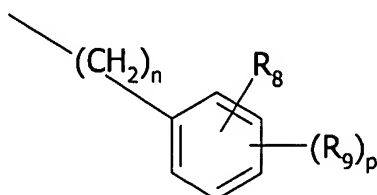


and acid addition salts and stereoisomeric forms thereof,  
wherein :

- $R_1$  and  $R_2$  are each independently hydrogen, a  $(C_1-C_6)$ alkyl or a  $(C_3-C_8)$ cycloalkyl ; or  $R_1$  and  $R_2$  together form a saturated or unsaturated 5-, 6- or 7- membered carbocyclic ring;
- Q is  $(CH_2)_m-X-(CH_2)_n-A$ ;
- A is a direct link, O, S, SO,  $SO_2$ ,  $NR_5$ ;
- X is a direct link,  $CF_2$ , O, S, SO,  $SO_2$ , C(O),  $NR_5$  or  $CR_6R_7$ ;
- Z is a group selected from:



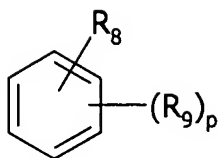
- m and n are each independently 0, 1, 2, 3 or 4;
- p is 1, 2, 3 or 4;
- q is 0, 1 or 2;
- the dotted line means that  $R_8$  and/or  $R_9$  can be on any position of the benzothiophene ring;
- $R_3$  and  $R_8$  are each independently hydrogen or a hydroxy, cyano, halogen, nitro,  $(C_1-C_6)$ alkyl,  $(C_1-C_6)$ alkoxy, trifluoromethyl,  $(C_1-C_6)$ alkylthio,  $(C_1-C_6)$ alkylsulfonyl, acyl,  $(C_1-C_6)$ alkoxycarbonyl, carboxamido,  $OPO(OR_{10})_2$ ,  $NR_{10}R_{11}$ ,  $SO_2NR_{10}R_{11}$ ,  $OSO_2NR_{10}R_{11}$ ,  $OSO_2OR_{10}$ ,  $SO_2OR_{10}$ ,  $SSO_2NR_{10}R_{11}$ ,  $CF_2SO_2OR_{10}$ ,  $CF_2SO_2NR_{10}R_{11}$ ,  $CF_2$ -tetrazolyl or  $NR_{12}SO_2NR_{10}R_{11}$ ,  $OSO_2NR_{12}SO_2NR_{10}R_{11}$ ,  $CO_2R_{10}$ ,  $CONR_{10}R_{11}$ ,  $OCHO$ ,  $CONR_{10}R_{11}$ ,  $OCSNR_{10}R_{11}$ ,  $SCONR_{10}R_{11}$ ,  $SCSNR_{10}R_{11}$ , tetrazolyl,  $NR_{12}CONR_{10}R_{11}$ ,  $NR_{10}-CHO$  group;
- when Q-Z is



n is 0, 1 or 2 and p is 1, one of  $R_3$  and  $R_8$  is a hydroxy, nitro,  $OPO(OR_{10})_2$ ,  $NR_{10}R_{11}$ ,  $OSO_2NR_{10}R_{11}$ ,  $OSO_2OR_{10}$ ,  $SO_2OR_{10}$ ,  $SSO_2NR_{10}R_{11}$ ,  $CF_2SO_2OR_{10}$ ,  $CF_2SO_2NR_{10}R_{11}$ ,  $CF_2$ -tetrazolyl,  $NR_{12}SO_2NR_{10}R_{11}$ ,  $OSO_2NR_{10}SO_2NR_{11}R_{12}$ ,  $CO_2R_{10}$ ,  $CONR_{10}R_{11}$ ,  $OCHO$ ,  $CONR_{10}R_{11}$ ,  $OCSNR_{10}R_{11}$ ,  $SCONR_{10}R_{11}$ ,  $SCSNR_{10}R_{11}$ , tetrazolyl,  $NR_{12}CONR_{10}R_{11}$ ,  $NR_{10}$ -CHO group and the other is hydrogen or a hydroxy, cyano, halogen, nitro,  $(C_1-C_6)$ alkyl,  $(C_1-C_6)$ alkoxy, trifluoromethyl,  $(C_1-C_6)$ alkylthio,  $(C_1-C_6)$ alkylsulfonyl, acyl,  $(C_1-C_6)$ alkoxycarbonyl, carboxamido,  $NR_{10}R_{11}$ ,  $SO_2NR_{10}R_{11}$ ,  $OSO_2NR_{10}R_{11}$ ,  $OSO_2OR_{10}$ ,  $SO_2OR_{10}$ ,  $SSO_2NR_{10}R_{11}$ ,  $CF_2SO_2OR_{10}$ ,  $CF_2SO_2NR_{10}R_{11}$ ,  $CF_2$ -tetrazolyl,  $NR_{12}SO_2NR_{10}R_{11}$ ,  $OSO_2NR_{12}SO_2NR_{10}R_{11}$ ,  $CO_2R_{10}$ ,  $CONR_{10}R_{11}$ ,  $OCHO$ ,  $CONR_{10}R_{11}$ ,  $OCSNR_{10}R_{11}$ ,  $SCONR_{10}R_{11}$ ,  $SCSNR_{10}R_{11}$ , tetrazolyl,  $NR_{12}CONR_{10}R_{11}$ ,  $NR_{10}$ -CHO group;

- $R_4$  and  $R_9$  are each independently hydrogen or a hydroxy, cyano, halogen, nitro,  $OPO(OR_{10})_2$ ,  $(C_1-C_6)$ alkyl,  $(C_1-C_6)$ alkoxy, trifluoromethyl,  $(C_1-C_6)$ alkylthio,  $(C_1-C_6)$ alkylsulfonyl, acyl,  $(C_1-C_6)$ alkoxycarbonyl, carboxamido,  $NR_{10}R_{11}$ ,  $SO_2NR_{10}R_{11}$ ,  $OSO_2NR_{10}R_{11}$ ,  $OSO_2OR_{10}$ ,  $SO_2OR_{10}$ ,  $SSO_2NR_{10}R_{11}$ ,  $CF_2SO_2OR_{10}$ ,  $CF_2SO_2NR_{10}R_{11}$ ,  $CF_2$ -tetrazolyl,  $NR_{12}SO_2NR_{10}R_{11}$ ,  $OSO_2NR_{12}SO_2NR_{10}R_{11}$ ,  $CO_2R_{10}$ ,  $CHO$ ,  $CONR_{10}R_{11}$ ,  $OCHO$ ,  $CONR_{10}R_{11}$ ,  $OCSNR_{10}R_{11}$ ,  $SCONR_{10}R_{11}$ ,  $SCSNR_{10}R_{11}$ , tetrazolyl,  $NR_{12}CONR_{10}R_{11}$ ,  $NR_{10}$ -CHO group;
- when p is 2, 3 or 4 the  $R_9$ s can be the same or different;
- $R_6$  and  $R_7$  are independently hydrogen, halogen, a  $(C_1-C_6)$ alkyl or a  $(C_3-C_8)$ cycloalkyl;

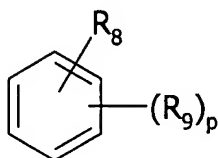
- $R_5$ ,  $R_{10}$ ,  $R_{11}$  and  $R_{12}$  are each independently hydrogen, hydroxy, a  $(C_1-C_6)$ alkyl, or a  $(C_3-C_8)$ cycloalkyl;  $R_{10}$  can also be a salt;  $R_{10}$  and  $R_{11}$  can also form, together with the nitrogen atom to which they are bound, a 5- to 7-membered heterocycle containing one or two heteroatoms selected from O, S and N;
- when Z is



and p is 1,

then  $R_8$  and  $R_9$  can also form together with the phenyl ring a benzoxathiazine dioxide, a dihydrobenzoxathiazine dioxide, a benzoxathiazinone dioxide, a benzoxathiazole dioxide, a benzoxadithiadiazine tetraoxide, a benzodithiazine tetraoxide or a benzodioxadithiine tetraoxide;

• when Z is



$R_3$  and  $R_4$  together with the phenyl ring bearing them can also form a benzofurane or a N-methylbenzotriazole, provided that when p is 1 and Q is  $(CH_2)_n$ , then  $R_8$  and  $R_9$  are independently a hydroxy, nitro,  $OPO(OR_{10})_2$ ,  $NR_{10}R_{11}$ ,  $OSO_2NR_{10}R_{11}$ ,  $OSO_2OR_{10}$ ,  $SO_2OR_{10}$ ,  $SSO_2NR_{10}R_{11}$ ,  $CF_2SO_2OR_{10}$ ,  $CF_2SO_2NR_{10}R_{11}$ ,  $CF_2$ -tetrazolyl,  $NR_{12}SO_2NR_{10}R_{11}$ ,  $OSO_2NR_{12}SO_2NR_{10}R_{11}$ ,  $CO_2R_{10}$ ,  $CONR_{10}R_{11}$ ,  $OCHO$ ,  $OCONR_{10}R_{11}$ ,  $OCSNR_{10}R_{11}$ ,  $SCONR_{10}R_{11}$ ,  $SCSNR_{10}R_{11}$ , tetrazolyl,  $NR_{12}CONR_{10}R_{11}$  or  $NR_{10}-CHO$  group.

2. (original) A derivative according to claim 1, and acid addition salts and stereoisomeric forms thereof, wherein:

- one of  $R_3$  and  $R_8$  is a hydroxy, nitro,  $NR_{10}R_{11}$ ,  $OSO_2NR_{10}R_{11}$  or  $NR_{12}SO_2NR_{10}R_{11}$  group; and
- the other is hydrogen or a hydroxy, cyano, halogen, nitro,  $(C_1-C_6)$ alkyl,

(C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>)alkoxy, trifluoromethyl, (C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>)alkylthio, (C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>)alkylsulfonyl, acyl, (C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>)alkoxycarbonyl, carboxamido, NR<sub>10</sub>R<sub>11</sub>, OSO<sub>2</sub>NR<sub>10</sub>R<sub>11</sub>, NR<sub>12</sub>SO<sub>2</sub>NR<sub>10</sub>R<sub>11</sub> group;

3. (currently amended) A derivative according to claim 1 ~~or 2~~, and acid addition salts and stereoisomeric forms thereof, wherein:

- one of R<sub>3</sub> and R<sub>8</sub> is hydroxy, cyano, (C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>)alkoxy or OSO<sub>2</sub>NR<sub>10</sub>R<sub>11</sub>; and
- the other is hydrogen or a hydroxy, halogen, nitro, cyano, (C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>)alkoxy, NR<sub>10</sub>R<sub>11</sub>, SO<sub>2</sub>NR<sub>10</sub>R<sub>11</sub>, OSO<sub>2</sub>NR<sub>10</sub>R<sub>11</sub>, NR<sub>12</sub>SO<sub>2</sub>NR<sub>10</sub>R<sub>11</sub>, OSO<sub>2</sub>NR<sub>10</sub>SO<sub>2</sub>NR<sub>11</sub>R<sub>12</sub> group.

4. (currently amended) A derivative according to ~~any one of claim 1 to 3~~ claim 1, and acid addition salts and stereoisomeric forms thereof, wherein:

- one of R<sub>3</sub> and R<sub>8</sub> is cyano; and
- the other is hydrogen or a hydroxy, halogen, nitro, (C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>)alkoxy, NR<sub>10</sub>R<sub>11</sub>, SO<sub>2</sub>NR<sub>10</sub>R<sub>11</sub>, OSO<sub>2</sub>NR<sub>10</sub>R<sub>11</sub>, NR<sub>12</sub>SO<sub>2</sub>NR<sub>10</sub>R<sub>11</sub> group.

5. (currently amended) A derivative according to ~~any one of claims 1 to 4~~ claim 1, and acid addition salts and stereoisomeric forms thereof, wherein:

- R<sub>4</sub> and R<sub>9</sub> are each independently hydrogen, hydroxy, cyano, halogen, nitro, (C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>)alkyl, (C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>)alkoxy, trifluoromethyl, (C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>)alkylthio, (C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>)alkylsulfonyl, acyl, (C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>)alkoxycarbonyl, carboxamido, NR<sub>10</sub>R<sub>11</sub>, OSO<sub>2</sub>NR<sub>10</sub>R<sub>11</sub>, NR<sub>12</sub>SO<sub>2</sub>NR<sub>10</sub>R<sub>11</sub>, CO<sub>2</sub>R<sub>10</sub> or CHO group.

6. (currently amended) A derivative according to ~~any one of claim 5~~, and acid addition salts and stereoisomeric forms thereof, wherein:

- one of R<sub>4</sub> and R<sub>9</sub> is hydrogen or a hydroxy, cyano or OSO<sub>2</sub>NR<sub>10</sub>R<sub>11</sub>; and

• the other is hydrogen or a hydroxy, cyano, halogen, nitro, (C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>)alkyl, (C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>)alkoxy, trifluoromethyl, NR<sub>10</sub>R<sub>11</sub>, OSO<sub>2</sub>NR<sub>10</sub>R<sub>11</sub>, CO<sub>2</sub>R<sub>10</sub>, CHO, NR<sub>12</sub>SO<sub>2</sub>NR<sub>10</sub>R<sub>11</sub> group.

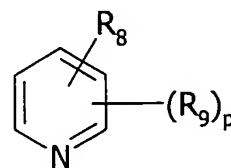
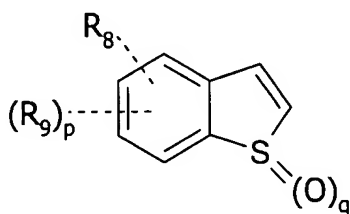
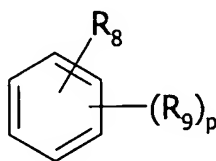
7. (original) A derivative according to claim 6, and acid addition salts and stereoisomeric forms thereof, wherein:

• R<sub>4</sub> is hydrogen, hydroxy, cyano or OSO<sub>2</sub>NR<sub>10</sub>R<sub>11</sub>;  
• R<sub>9</sub> is a hydrogen or a hydroxy, cyano, halogen, nitro, (C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>)alkyl, (C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>)alkoxy, trifluoromethyl, NR<sub>10</sub>R<sub>11</sub>, OSO<sub>2</sub>NR<sub>10</sub>R<sub>11</sub>, CO<sub>2</sub>R<sub>10</sub>, CHO group.

8. (original) A derivative according to claim 7, and acid addition salts and stereoisomeric forms thereof, wherein:

• R<sub>4</sub> is hydrogen; and  
• R<sub>9</sub> is hydroxy, cyano, halogen, nitro, (C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>)alkyl, (C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>)alkoxy, trifluoromethyl, NR<sub>10</sub>R<sub>11</sub>, OSO<sub>2</sub>NR<sub>10</sub>R<sub>11</sub>, CO<sub>2</sub>R<sub>10</sub>, CHO or NR<sub>12</sub>SO<sub>2</sub>NR<sub>10</sub>R<sub>11</sub>.

9. (currently amended) A derivative according to ~~any one of claims 1 to 8~~ claim 1, and acid addition salts and stereoisomeric forms thereof, wherein Z is:



in which:

• R<sub>8</sub> is hydrogen, hydroxy, halogen, nitro, cyano, (C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>)alkoxy, NR<sub>10</sub>R<sub>11</sub>, SO<sub>2</sub>NR<sub>10</sub>R<sub>11</sub>, OSO<sub>2</sub>NR<sub>10</sub>R<sub>11</sub>, NR<sub>12</sub>SO<sub>2</sub>NR<sub>10</sub>R<sub>11</sub> or OSO<sub>2</sub>NR<sub>10</sub>SO<sub>2</sub>NR<sub>11</sub>R<sub>12</sub> group;

- $R_9$  hydrogen or a hydroxy, cyano, halogen, nitro,  $(C_1-C_6)$ alkyl,  $(C_1-C_6)$ alkoxy, trifluoromethyl,  $NR_{10}R_{11}$ ,  $OSO_2NR_{10}R_{11}$ ,  $CO_2R_{10}$ , CHO,  $NR_{12}SO_2NR_{10}R_{11}$  group;

- ~~p and q are as defined in claim 1~~

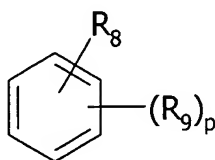
- p is 1, 2, 3 or 4;

- q is 0, 1 or 2.

10. (currently amended) A derivative according to ~~any one of claims 1 to 9~~ claim 1, and acid addition salts and stereoisomeric forms thereof, wherein Q is selected from a direct link, C(O),  $SO_2$ , CONH,  $C(O)(CH_2)_n$ ,  $(CH_2)_n(O)$  or  $(CH_2)_n$  in which n is 0, 1 or 2.

11. (currently amended) A derivative according to claim 1, and acid addition salts and stereoisomeric forms thereof, wherein:

- Z is



- Q is  $(CH_2)_n$  in which n is 0, 1 or 2;

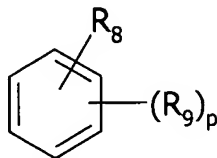
- one of  $R_3$  and  $R_8$  is a hydroxy, nitro,  $NR_{10}R_{11}$ ,  $OSO_2NR_{10}R_{11}$  or  $NR_{12}SO_2NR_{10}R_{11}$  group and the other is hydrogen or a hydroxy, cyano, halogen, nitro,  $(C_1-C_6)$ alkyl,  $(C_1-C_6)$ alkoxy, trifluoromethyl,  $(C_1-C_6)$ alkylthio,  $(C_1-C_6)$ alkylsulfonyl, acyl,  $(C_1-C_6)$ alkoxycarbonyl, carboxamido,  $NR_{10}R_{11}$ ,  $OSO_2NR_{10}R_{11}$  or  $NR_{12}SO_2NR_{10}R_{11}$  group;

- $R_4$  and  $R_9$  are each independently hydrogen, hydroxy, cyano, halogen, nitro,  $(C_1-C_6)$ alkyl,  $(C_1-C_6)$ alkoxy, trifluoromethyl,  $(C_1-C_6)$ alkylthio,  $(C_1-C_6)$ alkylsulfonyl, acyl,  $(C_1-C_6)$ alkoxycarbonyl, carboxamido,  $NR_{10}R_{11}$ ,  $OSO_2NR_{10}R_{11}$  or  $NR_{12}SO_2NR_{10}R_{11}$  group;

- $R_{10}$  and  $R_{11}$  are each independently hydrogen, a  $(C_1-C_6)$ alkyl or a  $(C_3-C_8)$ cycloalkyl;
- $p$  is 1, 2, 3 or 4;
- $R_8$  and  $R_9$  together with the phenyl ring bearing them can also form a benzoxathiazine dioxide or a dihydrobenzoxathiazine dioxide;
- $R_3$  and  $R_4$  together with the phenyl ring bearing them can also form a benzofurane or a N-methylbenzotriazole.

12. (currently amended) A derivative according to claim 11, and acid addition salts and stereoisomeric forms thereof, wherein:

- $Z$  is



- $Q$  is  $(CH_2)_n$  in which  $n$  0, 1 or 2;
- $R_8$  is hydroxy, halogen, nitro, cyano or a  $(C_1-C_6)$ alkoxy,  $NR_{10}R_{11}$ ,  $SO_2NR_{10}R_{11}$ ,  $OSO_2NR_{10}R_{11}$ , or  $NR_{12}SO_2NR_{10}R_{11}$  group;
- $R_9$  is hydrogen, hydroxy, cyano, halogen, nitro,  $(C_1-C_6)$ alkyl,  $(C_1-C_6)$ alkoxy, trifluoromethyl,  $NR_{10}R_{11}$ ,  $OSO_2NR_{10}R_{11}$ ;
- $p$  is as defined in claim 1.

13. (original) A derivative according to claim 12, and acid addition salts and stereoisomeric forms thereof, wherein:

- $n$  is 0 or 1;
- $R_4$  and  $R_9$  are each independently hydrogen, halogen,  $(C_1-C_6)$ alkoxy, acyl,  $NR_{10}R_{11}$ ,  $OSO_2NR_{10}R_{11}$  or  $NR_{12}SO_2NR_{10}R_{11}$ .

14. (currently amended) A derivative according to ~~any one of claims 11 to 13~~ claim 11, and acid addition salts and stereoisomeric forms thereof, wherein:

- $n$  is 0 or 1;
- $R_1$ ,  $R_2$  and  $R_4$  are each hydrogen;



- $R_9$  is hydrogen, halogen,  $(C_1-C_6)$ alkyl or  $OSO_2NR_{10}R_{11}$ .

15. (currently amended) A derivative according to ~~any one of claims 11 to 14~~ claim 11, and acid addition salts and stereoisomeric forms thereof, wherein:

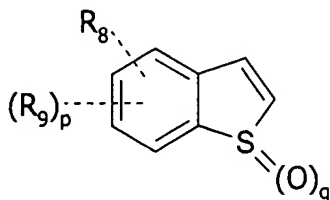
- n and p are 1;
- $R_8$  is a hydroxy, halogen, nitro, cyano,  $(C_1-C_6)$ alkoxy,  $NR_{10}R_{11}$ ,  $SO_2NR_{10}R_{11}$ ,  $OSO_2NR_{10}R_{11}$ ,  $NR_{12}SO_2NR_{10}R_{11}$  or  $OSO_2NR_{10}SO_2NR_{11}R_{12}$  group;
- $R_9$  a hydroxy, cyano, halogen, nitro,  $(C_1-C_6)$ alkyl,  $(C_1-C_6)$ alkoxy, trifluoromethyl,  $NR_{10}R_{11}$ ,  $OSO_2NR_{10}R_{11}$ ,  $CO_2R_{10}$  or CHO group;
- $R_3$  is cyano, hydroxy,  $OSO_2NR_{10}R_{11}$  or  $NR_{12}SO_2NR_{10}R_{11}$ ;
- $R_4$  is hydrogen, hydroxy, halogen, cyano or  $OSO_2NR_{10}R_{11}$ .

16. (currently amended) A derivative according to ~~any one of claims 12 to 15~~ claim 12, and acid addition salts and stereoisomeric forms thereof, wherein one of  $R_3$  and  $R_8$  is hydroxy, cyano or  $OSO_2NR_{10}R_{11}$  and the other is hydroxy, nitro,  $NR_{10}R_{11}$ ,  $OSO_2NR_{10}R_{11}$  or  $NR_{12}SO_2NR_{10}R_{11}$ .

17. (original) A derivative according to claim 16, and acid addition salts and stereoisomeric forms thereof, wherein one of  $R_3$  and  $R_8$  is cyano or  $OSO_2NR_{10}R_{11}$  and the other is hydroxy or  $OSO_2NR_{10}R_{11}$ .

18. (currently amended) A derivative according to ~~claims 1 or 2~~ claim 1, and acid addition salts and stereoisomeric forms thereof, wherein :

- Z is



in which:

- Q is  $(CH_2)_m-X-(CH_2)_n-A-$ ;
- A is a direct bond or O, S, SO, SO<sub>2</sub>, NR<sub>5</sub>;
- X is a direct bond, CF<sub>2</sub>, O, S, SO, SO<sub>2</sub>, C(O), NR<sub>5</sub> or CR<sub>6</sub>R<sub>7</sub>;
- m and n are each independently 0, 1, 2, 3 or 4;
- R<sub>3</sub>, R<sub>4</sub>, R<sub>8</sub> and R<sub>9</sub> are each independently hydrogen or a hydroxy, cyano, halogen, nitro, (C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>)alkyl, (C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>)alkoxy, benzyloxy, trifluoromethyl, (C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>)alkylthio, (C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>)alkylsulfonyl, acyl, (C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>)alkoxycarbonyl, NR<sub>10</sub>R<sub>11</sub>, OPO(OR<sub>10</sub>)<sub>2</sub>, OCHO, COOR<sub>10</sub>, SO<sub>2</sub>NR<sub>10</sub>R<sub>11</sub>, OSO<sub>2</sub>NR<sub>10</sub>R<sub>11</sub>, SO<sub>2</sub>OR<sub>10</sub>, OSO<sub>2</sub>OR<sub>10</sub>, SSO<sub>2</sub>NR<sub>10</sub>R<sub>11</sub>, CONR<sub>10</sub>R<sub>11</sub>, OCONR<sub>10</sub>R<sub>11</sub>, OCSNR<sub>10</sub>R<sub>11</sub>, SCONR<sub>10</sub>R<sub>11</sub>, SCSNR<sub>10</sub>R<sub>11</sub>, NR<sub>12</sub>SO<sub>2</sub>NR<sub>10</sub>R<sub>11</sub>, tetrazolyl, NR<sub>10</sub>CONR<sub>11</sub>OH, NR<sub>10</sub>SO<sub>2</sub>NR<sub>11</sub>OH, NOH-CHO, NOHSO<sub>2</sub>NR<sub>10</sub>R<sub>11</sub> or OSO<sub>2</sub>NR<sub>10</sub>OH group;
- p is 0, 1 or 2.
- R<sub>5</sub>, R<sub>6</sub>, R<sub>7</sub>, R<sub>10</sub>, R<sub>11</sub> and R<sub>12</sub> are each independently hydrogen, a (C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>)alkyl or a (C<sub>3</sub>-C<sub>8</sub>)cycloalkyl; R<sub>10</sub> can also be a salt; R<sub>10</sub> and R<sub>11</sub> can also form, together with the nitrogen atom to which they are bound, a 5- to 7-membered heterocycle containing one or two heteroatoms selected from O, S and N;
- ~~The~~ the dotted line means that Q and/or R<sub>8</sub> and/or R<sub>9</sub> can be on any position of the benzothiophene ring.

19. (original) A derivative according to claim 18, and acid addition salts and stereoisomeric forms thereof, wherein R<sub>8</sub> is OSO<sub>2</sub>NR<sub>10</sub>R<sub>11</sub> or NR<sub>12</sub>SO<sub>2</sub>NR<sub>10</sub>R<sub>11</sub>.

20. (currently amended) A derivative according to claim 18 ~~or 19~~, wherein R<sub>9</sub> is hydrogen, halogen, nitro, COOR<sub>10</sub> or cyano.

21. (currently amended) A derivative according to ~~any one of claims 18 to 20~~ claim 18, wherein R<sub>4</sub> is hydrogen, halogen, cyano, (C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>)alkoxy, NR<sub>10</sub>R<sub>11</sub>, OSO<sub>2</sub>NR<sub>10</sub>R<sub>11</sub> or NR<sub>12</sub>SO<sub>2</sub>NR<sub>10</sub>R<sub>11</sub>.

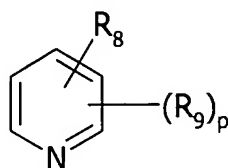
22. (currently amended) A derivative according to ~~any one of claims 18 to 21~~ claim 19, wherein R<sub>10</sub>, R<sub>11</sub> and R<sub>12</sub> are each independently hydrogen or (C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub>)alkyl.

23. (currently amended) A derivative according to ~~any one of claims 18 to 22~~ claim 18, wherein Q is  $(CH_2)_m-X-(CH_2)_n-A$  where m is 0, 1 or 2 and X is a direct bond,  $SO_2$  or CO, n is 0 and A is a direct bond.

24. (currently amended) A derivative according to ~~any one of claims 18 to 23~~ claim 18, wherein  $R_3$  is hydrogen, halogen or cyano.

25. (currently amended) A derivative according to claim 1 ~~or 2~~, and acid addition salts and stereoisomeric forms thereof, wherein:

- Z is a group:



in which  $R_8$ ,  $R_9$  and p are as defined in claim 1.

26. (currently amended) A derivative according to claim 25, and acid addition salts and stereoisomeric forms thereof, wherein:

- $R_3$  is cyano or  $OSO_2NR_{10}R_{11}$ ;
- $R_4$  is hydrogen, hydroxyl, halogen, cyano,  $OSO_2NR_{10}R_{11}$ ;
- $R_8$  is hydroxy, cyano,  $OSO_2NR_{10}R_{11}$ ,  $NR_{10}R_{11}$ ,  $NR_{12}SO_2NR_{10}R_{11}$ , OCHO or tetrazolyl;
- $R_9$  is hydrogen, halogen, nitro, cyano or  $CO_2R_{10}$ ; and
- Q is ~~as defined in claim 10~~  $(CH_2)_n$  in which n 0, 1 or 2.

27. (currently amended) A derivative according to ~~any one of claims 1 to 26~~ claim 1, and acid addition salts and stereoisomeric forms thereof, wherein  $R_1$  and  $R_2$  are independently hydrogen or a  $(C_1-C_6)$ alkyl group.

28. (currently amended) A derivative according to ~~any one of claims 1 to 27~~ claim 1, and acid addition salts and stereoisomeric forms thereof, wherein R<sub>10</sub> and R<sub>11</sub> are hydrogen.

29. (currently amended) A compound according to ~~any one of claims 1 to 28~~ claim 1 or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof for use as an active therapeutic substance.

30. (currently amended) A pharmaceutical composition comprising a derivative according to any one of ~~claims 1 to 28~~ claim 1, or a pharmaceutically acceptable acid addition salt thereof, and a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier.

31. (original) The pharmaceutical composition according to claim 30, comprising from 0.1 to 400 mg of said derivative.

Claims 32-39 (canceled).